

Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey Script October 29, 2009

7 PM Welcome (and Introduction of Amanda Ferguson, our HOO MC for the evening)
-Meloni Lyon, President BIAA

Meloni will introduce the members of the board present

Meloni will introduce the members of the planning committee

Meloni will introduce members of the event/decorating committee

Meloni will introduce Amanda Ferguson, our HOO MC for the evening)

Amanda is a passionate journalist who loves everything about reporting, fast deadlines and good stories.

She began her career in journalism in the print world, quickly finding her way thanks to fantastic internships at the Windsor Star and the Edmonton Journal. After covering some exciting stories at the Journal she decided to head to the dark side for her true passion -- television reporting.

She received an excellent opportunity to meld all worlds of journalism -- print, web and television -- thanks to a new position at CTV Edmonton. She was hired November 2007 as their first Web reporter/ anchor and quickly learned how fast the web was shaping journalism.

After some time behind the web desk Amanda could not deny her love for getting out there and reporting, so she accepted a position as a reporter at Citytv Edmonton and has never looked back.

Amanda hails from Ontario with a degree in journalism from Carleton University. Please join me in giving Amanda a warm welcome as our M.C for the evening.

7:15 Amanda (response)

Open silent auction- This evening's silent auction and all proceeds from this event will be to support program administration and delivery in relation to BIAA's Provincial Initiative promoting Brain injury awareness, injury prevention and education.

Mention:

- Silent Auction Closes by Category:

Coconut 7:45 PM

Mango 8:30 PM

Palm Tree 9:15 PM

- **Mystery Balloon Prizes-** You will see throughout the course of the evening, volunteers with balloons for sale for \$10(10 clams). Within each balloon there will be a random number which corresponds to a mystery prize in the "Vault". Pop your balloon, retrieve the number and proceed to the vault to obtain your prize with the corresponding number. Feel free to barter or trade with anyone throughout the evening.
- **Introduction of Speakers and Guests**

7:30 Mr. Doug Elniski (PC)- MLA for Edmonton –Calder - Greetings from the Premier's Office

Doug Elniski was elected to his first term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmonton-Calder on March 3, 2008. He currently serves as deputy chair of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee and as co-chair of the Alberta Forestry Research Institute. He is a member of the Special Standing Committee on Members Services, and the Cabinet Policy Committee on Resources and the Environment.

Prior to serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Mr. Elniski worked in a variety of fields, including safety management, resource management, forestry, adult education and consulting.

Mr. Elniski is a member of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers and holds both a National Construction Safety Officer certificate and a human resources certificate.

An active member of his community, he has volunteered as a firefighter and with the Kinsmen. In addition to volunteering, he enjoys participating in the organization of various community events and spending time with his three daughters and grandson.

Mr. Elniski is the tallest MLA in the Alberta Legislature and drives the smallest car, a smart car. Mr. Elniski and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Edmonton-Calder for nearly a decade.

Mr. Elniski brings greetings from the Premier's Office and on behalf of the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports.

Mention silent auction (Coconut 7:45 PM) Only -----minutes remain
and mystery balloon prizes

JIM RIVAIT

Jim Rivait is Vice-President responsible for the Alberta & the North for the Insurance Bureau of Canada – a trade association representing car, home and business insurers. Since joining IBC in 2001, Jim has been involved in the extensive reforms of the automobile insurance system in Alberta, and has been responsible for communicating industry issues and positions to government, media and the public. In his role with the IBC, Jim is a member of numerous boards and committees related to property and casualty insurance, as well as road safety, responsible hospitality, marijuana grow operations, fire safety and building codes, voluntary sector, medically-at-risk drivers, specialty vehicle appraisal, auto-theft and more.

Jim is active in the community, and has held board positions with many organizations, including the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Edmonton Festival Ballet, Edmonton School of Ballet Society, Little League Baseball, Capital City Gymnastics and Kinsmen Sports Park Management Committee.

Jim, his wife Jan and their blended family of five children ranging in age from 15 to 24 live in Edmonton.-

On behalf of the Brain Injury Association of Alberta and the Brain Injury Association of Canada I would like to express sincere appreciation for the support of IBC Nationally and provincially.

Harry Zarins - Brain Injury Association of Canada

Mr. Zarins assumed the executive director's role October 1st, 2008.

He is, a graduate of McGill University (B Ed. and M. Ed) and Concordia University (DIA).. Mr. Zarins' leadership experience includes an extensive background in university and national level sport governing bodies, senior university administration, and a variety of volunteer roles with the Canadian Interuniversity Sport organization, Montreal's YMCA, and secondary school committees. He also brings to BIAC a diverse background of fund-raising skills and is a member of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals. Mr. Zarins has spent much of his life devoted to Canadian sports, affording him a considerable understanding of injuries related to sports. He

was 'Chef de Mission' for two World University Games - 1993 Summer Games and 1999's Winter Games, and served as commissioner of both the Ontario-Quebec Inter-University Football Conference and Quebec Inter-University Football Conference from 1997-2002. At Montreal's Concordia University, Mr. Zarins is regarded as its most successful athletic director. During his tenure (1993-2002), Concordia intercollegiate teams won numerous provincial titles and were medalists in a number of national championships.

Also there is a donation box at the front door so please give generously if you have not done so already

Speakers Introductions -AMANDA

IAN YOUNG Survivor & Advocate for the brain injury

In May of 2004, Ian Young acquired a brain injury from a rare disorder that left him unable to walk or talk with an unknown outcome. Much time passed till he finally received the proper rehabilitation services from the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. After a course of acute brain injury rehabilitation, Ian has gone on to become the 3rd recipient of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital's - Award of Courage. He has returned to Academic studies part time. Ian has become a national speaker on Brain Injury prevention and outcomes; and, most recently, travelled across Canada by train to speak at the House of Commons in Ottawa.

With his passion for proper services for everyone, Ian has contributed to many causes at a civic, provincial and national level and is frequently a requested speaker in the media as well as at education centers! Ian lives his recovery with the attitude of responsibility to others who have suffered. He has most recently launched www.ianyoung.ca to support others and share valuable links.

LAURA WEBB

Laura's motor vehicle accident happened on September 11, 1990 as she was on her way to work; and, it left her 19 years old and seriously brain injured. She had just graduated from Grant MacEwan College as an administrative secretary.

After being in a coma for 2 1/2 weeks, and more time on the horizon, her sister asked her if she wanted to arm wrestle—her arm went up in preparation for a bout and she came out the winner.

After remaining in hospital for more than 23 months and working through rehab for 5 months, the word from the medical field was "I had come as far as I could; the rest was up to the nerves in my brain to reconnect.

Now a wife of 11 years and a mother of 3 lively and healthy boys that include twins (also armwrestlers), Laura has gone on to become a five-time World Champion.

Laura is now 38 years old and has lived with a brain injury for 19 years. When you are brain injured, one has to look at the things you can do and accomplish in a positive way and refuse to dwell on the negative.

ENTERTAINMENT (Amanda)

Mention Silent Auction and mystery balloon prize draws (Mango 8:30 PM) Only ----- minutes remaining.

8:15 PM -9:15

Gary Myers - slack key guitarist

Gary longs for the time (millions of years ago) when Edmonton was under water and he could have surfed to band rehearsal. He has been playing Hawaiian music since 1999 on solo slack key guitar and, as bassist/vocalist, in the Hawaiian Dreamers. In 2003 Gary travelled to the Big Island of Hawaii (the birthplace of slack key) to study and play with the masters of this genre. From 1985-1994 he studied and played music in New York City, most notably, with Warner Brothers recording artist Walter Egan. Gary is also a composer and plays in a bossa nova guitar duo (pm bossa). When not performing he is teaching at his studio.

Mention Silent Auction and mystery balloon prize draws (Palm Tree) Only -----minutes remaining. Close of all Auction items.

9:30 PM

iDance Edmonton - iDANCE Edmonton is a dance program for individuals with and without disabilities that explores a variety of traditional dance forms and creative movement processes in an integrated, inclusive environment. Developed through the Steadward Centre for Personal and Physical Achievement over the past 3 years, and in collaboration with the University of Alberta Orchesis Modern Dance Group and the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, iDANCE Edmonton offers dance technique classes and performance opportunities with a focus on partnership with the larger community. Our goal is to foster accessibility in dance for dancers with and without disabilities. We achieve this by nurturing unique personal strengths and abilities, while encouraging self-identification of areas for improvement. Our program offers the opportunity to; learn a new skill for fun, increase strength, flexibility and coordination, join a great social network, and find peer support. Further, we develop dance technique that is accessible to every body, and create performance art through integrated dance. iDANCE Edmonton uses dance class and performance as a medium for education, awareness and advocacy for diversity.

Our program runs dance technique classes for all abilities from late February to late July. More information about dates and times will be available closer to the date. Please contact leales@ualberta.ca, if you would like more information.

9:45 PM

Draw for Names to go into the National Trip for Two to Hawaii Draw –***Call Harry Zarins and Meloni Lyon to the stage for the information and the draw.***

10 PM

Thanks and Closing remarks - Arlana Tanner, Executive Director BIAA.